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E-NAM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that some State Governments are not taking interest in the participation in the internet based-NAM (National Agriculture Market);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details of the participation and performance of the various States in the internet based-NAM (National Agriculture Market);

(c) whether the Government has asked States including eastern States to amend their respective Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) Act and to participate in the internet-based e-NAM for the benefit of the farmers of the country, and if so, the details thereof and the response received from the various State Governments;

(d) whether a seminar on "Doubling of Farmers" income by 2022 was organized by the NABARD recently; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the issues discussed and decision taken therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): No State has indicated that they are not interested in participation in National Agriculture Market (e-NAM). Proposals from 13 States namely Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, UT of Chandigarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha have been received for integration of their mandis with e-NAM. 23 mandis of 8 States across the country have already been integrated with e-NAM. The details of participation and performance of States in e-NAM are at Annexure-A. In addition to above mentioned States, many other States/UTs like Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, UT of Puducherry, Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Assam, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram have expressed their willingness to join the e-NAM.

(c): The Government has taken up with the States through issue of advisories, holding interactive sessions/ meetings, etc. to undertake amendments in their Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) Acts in respect of (i) a single trading license to be valid across the State; (ii) single point levy of market fee across the State; and (iii) provision for electronic auction as a mode for price discovery. So far, 13 States (Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh) have amended their Acts to be eligible under the e-NAM scheme.

(d) & (e): National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) organised a Seminar on 12 July 2016 on the theme "National Seminar on Doubling Farmers' Income by 2022". The seminar focused on the following themes: (i) Enhancing Farmers' Income and (ii) Enabling Environment. The suggestions emerging from the seminar were recommendatory in nature.